

Golf

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Johnson.

Although Dr. Martin does not play golf, he values the time and energy that Johnson and his coaching staff have invested into the youth of the community. Martin appealed to the young people about the lessons they have learned from their golf lessons that will carry over into the classroom come fall. Raising their hands and shouting about their acquired skills, they noted they learned teamwork, sportsmanship, how to take turns, how to concentrate and focus, how to be patient and how to keep their eyes on the ball.

"I want you to keep your eye on the ball in the fall by applying patience and concentration on your studies," Martin said.

According to Martin, a tennis enthusiast, it is important to instill in youth the need to use their leisure time wisely.

"We may have the next Tiger Woods among us," he said. "If you never get the chance to swing a golf club, you will never know what you can do. This kind of activity makes life more enriching. Golf is good exercise, and these committed coaches have provided some structure for these students' non-school



Coach Clifton Pilson explains how to stand in order to make contact with the golf ball and send it flying down the fairway.

Johnson also recognizes that there is a great deal of scholarship money available for youth who excel in golf. This is another grand incentive for the coaches as well as

They themselves will be doing this same thing one day. They should pass it down to their other fellows, and also encourage more females to participate," Conrad said. Coaches Pilson, Johnson and Frazier agree that their love of the game enables them to pass on the skill to the youth of the community. "We want to give something back to our community. We have to take care of our children," John-



Coach Dan Frazier presented trophies to the students in his class who made great progress in the game of golf.

son said. The children ranged in age from 6-18, male and female, black and white. John Lasset regularly brought his two sons Justin and Sean to the clinic. John has played golf for many years, but now his son can join him on the course. Although they were two of few white participants, they felt welcome to learn and participate. "Race and color has nothing to do

with it," Lasset said. "I was thoroughly impressed with the program. If anyone wants to play golf, these gentlemen will help them."

Sean, a fifth grader at Mount Olive Elementary School, plans to pursue a golf scholarship in high school. He loves Tiger Woods because of his golf skill and finds great inspiration from observing

Woods' commitment. Although June 25 ended the second year of the golf program, Johnson believes that their interest has been piqued for a non-traditional sport that holds great promise for the future of all who participate. He encourages parents to start their children young in the exploration of their talent for all sports and cultural activities.



Coach Victor Johnson explains to Rashard Ingram how to send the golf ball flying down the fairway.

time, and Victor Johnson is an excellent role model for kids." Martin invited the children to give Johnson a round of applause for the time and effort he has put forth on their behalf.

Victor Johnson has sponsored the golf clinic for the past two years with the help of the Winston-Salem Urban League and Nations Bank, who provided the t-shirts. Golf Pro Greg Woods of the Reynolds Park Golf Course donated golf manuals from the Professional Golfers' Association called First Swing for the students who attended. Johnson enjoys seeing youth of the community explore their abilities in non-traditional sports. He credits Tiger Woods with stirring up the interest of youth in golf around the nation. Jim Conrad concurs with Johnson on this matter. "Tiger Woods has brought in a dream we have all had for thirty years. It took a young person to give the youngsters the drive to try," Conrad said.

the students. For this reason, Conrad believes that other golf pros should get involved with the young people in their communities in this fashion. "This camp could filter into the other cities where the Urban League is," Conrad said. "It should also be implemented in schools. There is a lot of money to be offered, and it is about time some of our kids got some of it," Conrad said.

Many of the kids in the camp are taking hold of their philosophy. Theo Moser, a sixth grader at North Hills Traditional Academy, will play in the Forsyth Jr. Golf Tour in July. He and his friends Lawrence Linton, Brian Murrill, Jonathan Linton and Brian O'Neal have developed a sincere love for the game. Even after practice is over, they continue to propel golf balls squarely into the center of the fairway with precision and grace. Conrad praised these young golfers for their dedication. "These young men are devoted. This is the future of black golfers.

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